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## HIGHER GAS RATES!

Careful investigation should precede any decision on the new appeal of the Gas Company for higher rates. That the prices of coal, coke, oil and other materials used in the manufacture of gas have risen considerably during the war cannot be denied. Whether this has worked a hardship on the company and is making a fair profit impossible is the point that must be proved.

Investigations by the Public Utilities Commission here three years ago proved that the raise in gas prices to \$1.75 per 1,000 cubic feet for small consumers and \$1.60 per 1,000 cubic feet for large consumers was not justifiable, and a reduction to \$1.35 and \$1.20 respectively was ordered. The upholding of this decision by the Supreme Court was conclusive proof that the company had overstepped the bounds of legitimate profit. The overcharges, ordered returned to the consumers have not been paid back, which is another defect that should be remedied at once.

The main requisite of all public utilities is that they serve the public in the most efficient manner possible and at the lowest possible cost. When a city allows a private corporation the privileges of a monopoly, it is taken for granted that the corporation will co-operate with the citizens for the best interests of all concerned. If such a corporation proves that it cannot live up to this trust, it is the duty of the city officials to eliminate the individual from the field of public utilities and operate the utilities itself.

The Columbia Gas Company should be given a fair opportunity to prove its good faith toward the citizens it is serving. Failure to do so should be followed by the taking over of the gas works by the city.

## AMERICA'S "HOLY WAR"

This letter from a young English aviator to a German mother reminds one of the awful cross-purposes in which men are involved in war; a man can be convinced that his nation must take part in this war and yet believe that war is an essentially evil thing; he can wish that the enemy's armies be defeated and yet regret to kill the individual.

"It's your son. I know you can't forgive me, for I killed him. But I want you to know he didn't suffer. The end came quickly. He was very brave. He must also have been very good. He had your picture in his pocket. I am sending it back, though I should like to keep it. I suppose I am his enemy, yet I don't feel so at all. I'd give my life to have him back. I didn't think of him or you when I shot at his machine. He was an enemy spying out our men. I couldn't let him get back to tell his news. It meant death to our men. My mother died when I was quite a little boy. But I know how she would have felt if I had been killed. War isn't fair to women. God! how I wish it was over. It is a nightmare.

"For the first time I am almost glad my mother isn't living. She could not have borne what I have done. My own heart heavy. I felt it was my duty. Yet now I see your son lifeless before me and hold your picture in my hand, it seems all wrong. The world is dark. O Mother, be my mother just a little, too, and tell me what to do.—Hugh."

An English publicist says, "I avow myself an extreme pacifist! I do not merely want to end this war. I want to nail down war in its coffin. Modern war is an intolerable thing. It is disaster. It may be a necessary disaster, but for all that I insist it remains waste, disorder, disaster."

A thoughtful American adds, "It is in hearty accord with the spirit of this statement that some pacifists enter this war, not exultant, buoyantly shouting for our country's flag, but soberly, consecrated to a magnificent charge, but nevertheless humiliated, because war has become only an accusation, a great indictment against us all, and America especially, that would-be Republic of Man, because we have not made manifest quickly enough our high destiny among the nations, have not realized to the limit even of today's human capacity the possibilities of our consecrated democracy."

Such pacifism faces both sides of

the war question; the terror of the war and still greater terror of an ignoble surrender of the fruits of all Christian civilization.

Dr. Henry C. King, President of Oberlin College, points out that this true pacifism is "Ground for hope in the present crisis that the issues are seen to be at bottom so thoroughly moral and religious and even Christian. While this fact adds to the gravity of the crisis, it at the same time manifestly increases its significance. Here is no mere blind brute struggle. We need not believe that a majority of civilized mankind is fighting and sacrificing, all without reason and significance for human progress. On the contrary, as we have seen, interests of the highest conceivable order are involved in this war; so involved that it is neither travesty nor exaggeration to call this war on the part of America a truly holy war."

A St. Louis woman was cheated out of three bushels of potatoes the other day by someone who was selling the potatoes from door to door. She inserted an advertisement in a St. Louis paper threatening the man with arrest, and assuring him that he was known. The next day, six St. Louis housewives, five of whom knew nothing of the advertisement, found three bushels of potatoes, which had been left at night, on their back porches. It does pay to advertise, even when somebody else does it for you.

A drafted man reported two weeks late at Camp Funston and gave as an excuse that he and a rival had been courting the same girl. Both he and his rival were drafted but the rival claimed exemption and got it. The girl was so disgusted that she proposed to the other man, who accepted her. His excuse was accepted as sufficient. Cupid and Mars are for once at least co-operating.

Woman has many places in war work—but perhaps her most important just now lies in the buying of Liberty Bonds. Every woman should set the example for her children by taking as many bonds as she can.

Let's do our Liberty Bond "shopping" early and help break the bonds of autocracy.

Business, whether it is selling goods or your time, should be spelled business now.

Uneasy must be the man in Germany who wears the name of Chancellor.

## Society

Misses Adalyn Faris, Norine Nugent, Ada May Elder, Margaret Bostian and Olivia Carter were guests at the Delta Tau Delta house for dinner Sunday. Miss Katherine Quarrels and Miss Gertrude McGinnis of Fulton, were out-of-town guests Sunday.

The second social of the year will be held in the Women's Gymnasium Friday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock. All University women are invited.

Mrs. Odon Guitart will entertain her bridge club, "The Big Four," at her home tonight. The members are Mrs. Alexander Martin, Mrs. Kate Conley, Mrs. Turner Gordon and Mrs. Odon Guitart.

Mrs. E. H. Guitart issued invitations today for a party which she will give Saturday afternoon for her daughter, Harriet. Thirty-five children have been invited.

Miss Alida Smith and Mrs. Sarah Rutherford will entertain the members of the P. E. O. Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. Pommer.

Mrs. W. H. Pommer will entertain at a tea this afternoon for the members of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, of which she is a patroness.

The Alpha Delta Pi sorority last night initiated Misses Lullie Royston, Mary Redmond, Lora Fahrner, Myrtle Stosberg and Mabel Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Dunn of Bolckow spent the week-end with their daughter, Miss Helen Dunn.

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## ATTEND CHURCH CONVENTION

Mrs. Moss and College Quartet to Go to Christian Conclave in K. C.

The Christian College Quartet will sing at the international convention of the Christian Church in Kansas City Saturday afternoon and evening. Most of their songs are familiar Southern tunes. The quartet is composed of

Johnson, head of the voice department.

Mrs. Luella St. Clair-Moss, president of Christian College, will leave tomorrow to attend the convention all week. She will make a report at the luncheon at the Coates House given by the National Board of Education of the Christian Church. Mrs. Moss

who is a student at Christian College, will go to the convention, where she will join her parents, who will also attend.

Ag Club to Have "Ladies' Night." The Agricultural Club will meet at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening to make final arrangements for the "barn-



The Christian College Quartet.

Left to Right: Marguerite Locknane, Topeka, Kan.; Lila Hext, Canadian, Tex.; Isabelle Myer, Kansas City; Gretchen McBride, Lyons, Kan.

Misses Marguerite Locknane of Topeka, Kan.; Lila Hext of Canadian, Tex.; Isabelle Myer of Kansas City and Gretchen McBride of Lyons, Kan. They will leave for Kansas City Friday, accompanied by Miss Anna Laura

will also talk at a luncheon given by the Christian College Alumnae Association of Kansas City at the Muehlebach Hotel for alumnae and former students attending the convention. Miss Hester Brite of Marfa, Tex.,



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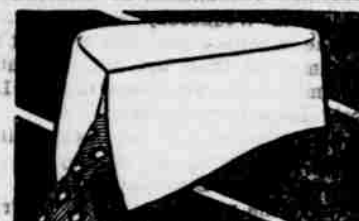
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